

# Nonmotorized Recreation and Transportation Trails Council

August 16, 2012, 9:00am – 2:00pm

Schmeeckle Reserve, 2419 North Point Drive,  
Stevens Point, WI 54481

<http://www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/schmeeckle/Map/>

## Minutes

**Membership:** Rod Bartlow, William Hauda, Dana Johnson, Anne Murphy, Joel Patenaude, Debbie Peterson, David Phillips, Geoffrey Snudden, Blake Theisen, Ned Zuelsdorff

**Attendance:** All members were present (Blake Theisen left at 12:30p); Jill Mrotek Glenzinski, representing the Department of Transportation; and Brigit Brown representing the Department of Natural Resources.

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### 1. Welcome

Wisconsin DNR/Brigit Brown welcomed council members and thanked them for their service.

### 2. Introductions

Members introduced themselves, affirmed who they are officially representing (and the other relevant experience/ activities in which they participate), and stated their personal goals for the council.

Member goals for the council include:

- Access, opportunities (multiple mentions)
- Finding common goals (multiple mentions)
- Bridging gaps
- Transportation options
- Tourism
- Year around recreation
- Connectivity (multiple mentions)
- Funding (multiple mentions)

### 3. Background/History/Authority of Council

Discussion of Legislative Council *Special Committee on Enhancing Recreational Trails for Nonmotorized Use*, the resulting 2009 Act 394, and subsequent statutes (ss. 15.347 (20) and 23.177, Wis. Stats.)

#### **4. Officer Nominations**

Dave Phillips nominated Dana Johnson as chair and Joel Patenaude as vice chair. Nominees accepted. Slate moved by Deb Peterson, seconded by Anne Murphy. Passed unanimously.

#### **5. Council Purpose and Objectives**

The council agreed on the following.

*Vision:* A sufficiently funded, planned, developed, maintained, and promoted system of nonmotorized trails.

*Mission* (how to achieve the vision):

It is the mission of the NRTTC to

- Secure funding that is sufficient, sustainable, dedicated, and maintained in a segregated account.
- Nurture user groups through intergroup and intragroup cooperation and coordination.
- To support user groups in their cooperation and coordination.
- Educate peers, the general public, and government on nonmotorized trails and related topics.
- Facilitate nonmotorized trail connectivity and continuity to foster greater use for recreation and transportation.
- Promote the economic benefits of nonmotorized trails.
- Promote the health and wellness benefits of nonmotorized trails.
- Promote the environmental benefits of nonmotorized trails.

*Points of Culture* (what council members strive to do while operating / in council operations):

- No committees without actionable items
- Explore funding options
- Identify user groups, work to ensure complete representation (tribal lands, mobility, diversity, urban/dirt)
- Use Roberts Rules of Order
- Be respectful of time
- No talking over each other
- Be respectful of pre-set agenda
- Leave meetings with actionable items and assigned duties with set deadlines
- Come to meetings prepared

## **6. Officer Elections (chair, vice chair)**

Dana Johnson is chair, Joel Patenaude is vice-chair.

## **7. Creation of Working Committees (\*chair)**

### **a. Bylaws** (Dave\*, Jill, Brigit)

Draft by November meeting, to include:

- Officer elections and calendar setting occur at Sept meeting
- Officers elected annually
- Officer position descriptions

### **b. Funding** (Bill\*, Deb, Rod, Ned, Dave)

Gather examples and ideas, present at November meeting.

### **c. Outreach** (Joel\*, Anne, Dana, Geoff)

Identify local/statewide groups; gather contact info for each – by November meeting.

### **d. Education** (Blake\*, Geoff, Ned)

Gather information specific to economic impact, present at November meeting.

## **8. Upcoming Meetings**

Motion by Dave Phillips to hold quarterly meetings, two in person and two remotely (method to be determined – members will investigate options). Seconded by Blake Theisen. Motion passed.

Meeting schedule: November 15, 2012 (remote); March 14, 2013 (Schmeeckle); June 20, 2013 (remote), September 18, 2013 (Schmeeckle). Moved, passed.

## **9. Review**

Review of commitments and action items.

## **10. Adjourn**